

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of Claims 1-12. Claims 4-11 have been tentatively allowed, for which Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication. Claims 1-3 have been amended and Claims 4-12 remain as originally presented. New Claims 13-22 represent an acceptance of the aforesaid allowance, it being noted that original Claim 12 has been used to create two new dependent Claims 18 and 22, Claim 18 depending from new independent Claim 13 (allowed Claim 4) and Claim 22 depending from new independent Claim 19 (allowed Claim 9).

Referring to the amendment made to Claims 1-3, the Examiner noted language that did not comply with the provisions of Title 35 USC 112. Clarifying language has been incorporated into Claims 1-3 to rectify this issue. Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting this irregularity and providing to Applicant an opportunity to correct the irregularity.

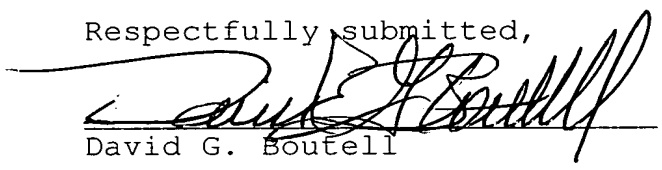
Claim 1 has been additionally amended by adding language referencing more specifically the structure of an ambulance cot and its ability to raise and lower a frame relative to a wheel supported base. This added structure provides meaning and purpose for the ability of the second wheel-like member to effect a lifting of the second horizontal plane containing the axis of the first wheel to a location above the first plane which is defined by the floor of the cargo area of the ambulance. Further, the wheel configuration in the Examiner's primary reference to Muuranen et al (US Patent No. 5 572 756) is incapable of working in conjunction with the floor of an ambulance due to the inability of the frame to be raised to a level sufficient to reach the level of the floor of the cargo area (level of the first plane). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the motivation required to render the structure of the Muuranen et al wheel orientation operative in conjunction with the plane of the floor of the cargo area of an ambulance is wholly lacking. Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that Claims 1-12 patentably define over

Muuranen et al as required by the provisions of Title 35 USC 102 and 103.

Since, as stated above, Claims 13-17 and 19-21 represent an acceptance of the Examiner's tentatively indicated allowance of original Claims 4-11, further comment about them is believed unnecessary. Since dependent Claims 18 and 22 are each dependent from an allowed claim, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as well.

Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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